



50TH ANNUAL MEETING

January 29 - 31, 2003, Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, CA

Announcement

You and your associates are invited to attend the 50th Annual WSA Conference to be held at the Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, California, January 29 - 31, 2003. A copy of the invited speakers list and registration forms are included with this announcement. Online registration forms and further updates will be available on the internet at <http://pearl1.lanl.gov/wsa2003/default.htm>. For the 50th WSA conference we have an exciting program that includes invited lectures by seven preeminent scientists. Spouses, guests, and families are also invited. The conference center (<http://www.asilomarcenter.com>) is located on the beautiful Monterey Peninsula near Asilomar State Beach, with many scenic and historic sites located nearby. Guests are also invited to the social hours, meals, and banquet.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be available on-line at the conference website; please register electronically if possible. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND REGISTERING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS THERE IS LIMITED SPACE AND WE ANTICIPATE A HIGHER THAN USUAL ATTENDANCE.

Room and board at Asilomar will be \$288.92 ("Historic") or \$350.12 ("Standard") per person for single occupancy, \$194.84 ("Historic") or \$217.50 ("Standard") per person for double occupancy. Reduced rates apply for accompanying persons under 18 years of age. Housing arrangements must be made directly with Asilomar; please FAX or mail the housing registration form (posted on the website) directly to them. If you are unable to download the form from the website, you may contact Dr. David L. Osborn (WSA secretary) to obtain one by FAX. Please send a check for your conference registration (payable to the Western Spectroscopy Association) to **Dr. David L. Osborn, Combustion Research Facility, Mail Stop 9055, Sandia National Laboratories, Livermore, CA 94551-0969** (dlosbor@sandia.gov). **The registration deadline is November 22, 2002.** Registration cancellations will result in a full refund if received prior to November 28, 2002; after that date the refund will be less a \$45.00 fee. WSA has some funds available for graduate-student scholarships. The criteria used in awarding scholarships are: 1) a letter of recommendation from the research advisor or Department Chair; 2) a contributed poster; and 3) distance of travel. Please write to Prof. Geraldine Richmond at lbiggs@oregon.uoregon.edu by November 8, 2002 if you wish to apply for a scholarship; the recommendation letter must also be received by November 8, 2002.

POSTER SESSIONS

All conferees are encouraged to participate in the poster sessions on Wednesday, January 29, or Thursday, January 30, 2003. To ensure that there is sufficient display room, we ask that the poster title and names of authors be included on the registration form. Poster boards are 4' x 8' and conferees must supply pushpins. Poster sessions will take place in the "Kiln."

Because of the special nature of this 50th year celebration, there will not be any contributed talks this year, but they will resume in 2003.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

We shall again have a guest program consisting of a walk, led by a park ranger from Asilomar State Beach, of the Asilomar grounds and/or tide pool area, provided there is enough interest. Please indicate the number of guests who would attend on the registration form.

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

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| 3:00-6:00 pm | Registration in Main Lodge |
| 4:00-5:00 pm | Set up for Poster Session I in the Kiln |
| 5:00-6:00 pm | Poster Session I |
| 6:00-7:00 pm | Dinner |
| 7:00-9:00 pm | Registration Continues in Fred Farr Forum |
| 8:00-8:10 pm | <i>Welcoming Remarks:</i> Geri Richmond (WSA Chair), University of Oregon |
| 8:10-9:00 pm | Opening lecture |
| 9:00-11:30 pm | Poster Session I Continues |

Thursday, January 30, 2003

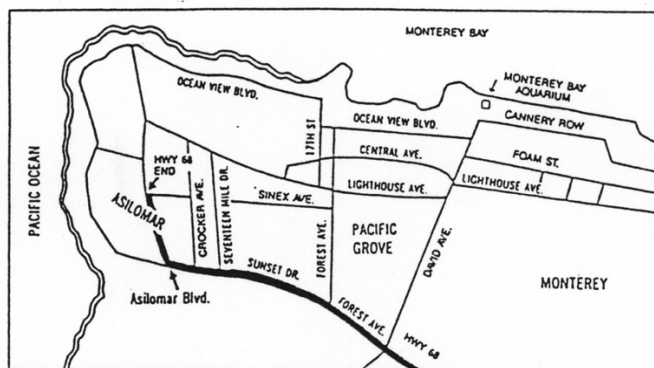
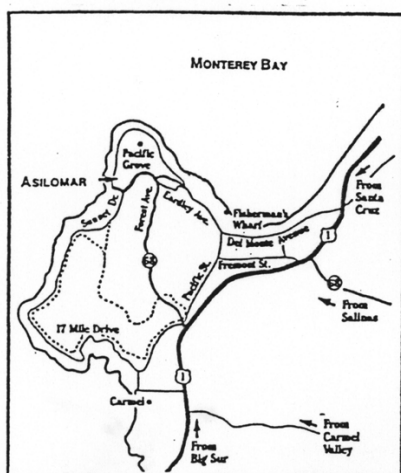
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| 7:30 am | Breakfast |
| 8:00-8:30 am | Registration continues in Fred Farr Forum |
| 8:30-10:30 am | Lecture Session I |
| 10:30-10:45 am | Coffee Break |
| 10:45-11:55 am | Lecture Session I continues |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch |
| 4:00-5:00 pm | Set up for Poster Session II |
| 5:00-6:30 pm | Poster Session II |
| 6:30-8:00 pm | BANQUET |
| 8:00-9:00 pm | Banquet Address |
| 9:00-11:30 pm | Poster Session II Continues |

Friday, January 31, 2003

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| 7:30 am | Breakfast |
| 8:00-8:30 am | Registration continues in Fred Farr Forum |
| 8:30-10:30 am | Lecture Session II |
| 10:30-10:45 am | Coffee Break |
| 10:45-11:55 am | Panel Discussion "Optics and Spectroscopy: The Next 50 Years?" |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch |

TRAVEL

Monterey Airport is served by several airlines and ground transportation is available to Asilomar via taxi. Driving directions are indicated on the following maps; parking is available on the Asilomar grounds.



The Asilomar Conference Center is located on the Pacific Ocean at the end of Highway 68 in Pacific Grove, California. When arriving from the North or South on State Route 101, turn West at Salinas onto Highway 68 and proceed to the Asilomar Gateposts at the end of the highway. When using State Route 1, either North or Southbound, turn West onto Highway 68 in Carmel and proceed as above.

Registration for 50th Western Spectroscopy Association Conference

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Deadline November 22, 2002

Name _____
Institution _____
Address _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ E-mail _____
Arrival Date/Time _____ Departure Date/Time _____

(For student rates, please provide student ID number and bring ID card.):

Special Requirements: (disabled, vegetarian, etc.) _____
Banquet choice: Beef _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____
Number of guests interested in ranger-led program _____

WSA Registration Fees—please complete the form below

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| Are you a student? | Yes → \$65 registration fee on line 1 _____ (1) |
| | No → \$90 registration fee on line 1 _____ (1) |

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| Will you stay at Asilomar? | Yes → | { ENTER \$0 ON LINES 2-4 AND PAY NO LODGING COSTS TO THE WSA. Instead, send your lodging form (<i>available at http://pearl1.lanl.gov/wsa2003/default.htm</i>) to Asilomar and pay them directly for the lodging package, which includes housing on 1/29 and 1/30, the banquet, and 5 meals. |
| | No → | |
| | | Enter facility fee of \$75 (mandatory for those staying off site) _____ (2) |
| | | If you want to attend the Thursday banquet, enter \$35 _____ (3) |
| | | If you want to eat the 5 other meals at Asilomar, enter \$50 _____ (4) |

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| Late Fee \$45 | (include if registering after November 22, 2002) | _____ (5) |
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| Total WSA Fees (sum lines 1 - 5 here. Send a check for this amount to the WSA) | _____ |
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Please pay in advance!

Make checks payable to Western Spectroscopy Association

Poster Session

If you would like to present a poster, please give title, authors, and affiliation:

Are you a graduate student? _____ If yes, include advisor's name _____

If you wish to add other information to your registration you may use the space below. Please list the names of your guests here and be certain to register on-site guests using the Asilomar housing form.

Mail or Fax Registration to:

Dr. David L. Osborn
Combustion Research Facility, M/S 9055
Sandia National Laboratories
Livermore, CA 94551-0969

dlosbor@sandia.gov
Phone: (925) 294-4622
Fax: (925) 294-2276

Some scholarship funds are available for graduate students. To qualify, you must present a poster or talk at the meeting, and send a letter of recommendation from your advisor by November 8, 2002 to the Program Chair, Prof. Geraldine Richmond, Department of Chemistry, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403 (FAX (541) 346-3422). Applicants will be notified of scholarship decisions by November 20, 2002.